

**LIBRARY OF CALIFORNIA BOARD
RESOLUTION 2003-07**

WHEREAS, the Library of California Board desires to recognize Elizabeth (Liz) E. Gibson for her distinguished contributions as a valued member of the California State Library on the occasion of her retirement on June 30, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to honor Liz for her outstanding public service to California as the California Library Services Act (CLSA) Program Manager from 1977 to April 1980; and

WHEREAS, she provided leadership to the first California Library Services Board, as it met monthly in its early years, to form the programs and regulations for California public libraries to share resources statewide; and to date, resource sharing among California public libraries has surpassed any early expectations; and

WHEREAS, in April 1996, Liz graciously agreed to provide leadership to the Library Development Services Bureau, and once again, became a voice of knowledge to help guide the CLSB, and later the Library of California Board, through changes in regional structure and unstable funding; and

WHEREAS, it should be noted that Dr. Kevin Starr, State Librarian of California, was quoted on occasion when referring to Liz, as a "talented administrator, a devoted librarian, and a person of warmth, commitment, and wit;" and

WHEREAS, upon the request of the Library of California Board to have a newsletter published, Liz rose to the challenge and provided leadership in forming the State Library's first online monthly newsletter, CSL Connection; and

WHEREAS, Liz has been an incredible resource over the years in providing key information and data that illustrated library issues in many important areas, including funding; and

WHEREAS, Liz is recognized for her contributions in developing enduring library services in planning for library services, educational programs for library directors, data collection and distribution leading to Internet based service to local libraries, and the Partnerships for Change program; and

WHEREAS, Liz is a true library supporter in both word and deed, thinking always of the taxpayer and their right to well spent dollars, and thus eliciting from a member of the California Library Association Legislative Committee that "Liz is probably the best investment of tax dollars that I have ever seen;" and

WHEREAS, Liz has also contributed of herself as a part of the State Library team and is known for her many plays on the softball field as a valued member of the BOOKIES, as a gourmet provider of popcorn and chocolate chip cookies, for her love of gardening and generous provision of healthy produce for the staff, and her participation on the staff quilt project; and

WHEREAS, it should be noted that her new love for the Bichon Frise or "Curly Lap Dog" is evident by the many photographs and slide shows she has shared with staff of the playful and affectionate, Nicky and Casey; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to recognize Liz's outstanding contributions to enable Californians to learn and to obtain information through all type of libraries.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

the Library of California Board
extends its sincere appreciation and deep regard to

ELIZABETH E. GIBSON

For her distinguished leadership and contributions to the
library profession, to libraries and to the people of California.

Adopted: October 16, 2003